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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH JUNE 14 CROAT

TERRORIST ATTACK ON YUGOSLAV MISSION

REF: A. USUN 1912; B. USUN 1918

1. WOUNDED YUGOSLAV RADOMIR MEDIC UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN REASONABLY GOOD CONDITION JUNE 17. ACCORDING FBI, YUGOSLAV MISSION HAS AGREED TO PERMIT FBI TO TAKE MEDIC STATEMENT AS SOON AS PHYSICIAN DECIDES MEDIC WELL ENOUGH. FBI HOPES THIS WILL BE ON MONDAY, JUNE 20, WHEN IT EXPECTS TO START GETTING STATEMENTS FROM OTHERS AS WELL SUCH AS MEDIC'S DOCTOR.

2. "NEW YORK POST" JUNE 17, UNDER HEADLINE "COPS DENY YUGOS WARNING", HAS NYC POLICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REPLYING TO YUGOSLAV STATEMENT IN PROTEST NOTE (REF A) THAT "OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES OF THE US, IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, HAD BEEN WARNED BEFORE THE ATTACK..." "NEW YORK POST" REPORTED: "A POLICE DEPT SPOKESMAN HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT POLICE OFFICIALS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
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YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT THE DAY BEFORE THREE CROATIAN TERRORISTS INVADED THE YUGOSLAV UN MISSION HERE.

"BUT HE DENIED THAT THE POLICE HAD BEEN WARNED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT AN ATTACK ON THE MISSION,...DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER FRANK MCLOUGHLIN SAID POLICE AND YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS HAD 'A GENERAL CONVERSATION' ON MONDAY ABOUT

FEARS THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME KIND OF
TERRORIST ACTIVITY PLANNED HERE TO COINCIDE WITH THE
OPENING THIS WEEK OF A CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY
IN BELGRADE.

"HE SAID DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SECURITY MEASURES BETWEEN
POLICE AND OFFICIALS OF YUGOSLAVIA AND OTHER FOREIGN
GOVERNMENTS HERE WERE NOT UNCOMMON.

"THEY HAD THE SAME CONVERSATION WITH US THREE WEEKS
AGO', HE SAID. 'THIS IS OUR PROBLEM AS WELL AS THEIRS.
THEY HAVE TO COME TO US AND WE HAVE TO COME TO THEM'.

"MCLOUGHLIN WOULD NOT SPECIFY WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AT
MONDAY'S MEETING BUT SAID 'NO DECISION WAS REQUIRED' ABOUT
INCREASING SECURITY AT THE MISSION."

3. "NEW YORK POST" ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED THAT US ATTORNEY
ROBERT B. FISKE, JR., HAS ANNOUNCED THE LODGING OF CRIMINAL
CONSPIRACY CHARGES "PUNISHABLE BY UP TO LIFE IN PRISON"
AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, "NEW YORK POST"
SAID THAT FISKE HAD CHARGED THAT THE TERRORISTS ENTERED
THE MISSION WITH THE INTENTION OF HOLDING AMBASSADOR
PETRIC HOSTAGE.

4. COMMENT: POLICE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT REGARDING JUNE
13 MEETING WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS APPEARS GENERALLY
CONSISTENT WITH YUGOSLAV POSITION REPORTED PARA 2, REF
B. WE GATHER THAT THE THREE TERRORISTS HAVE EXPLAINED
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TO POLICE THEIR PLAN TO HOLD PETRIC HOSTAGE. AS
RESULT OF CONSPIRACY CHARGES LODGED BY FISKE, THERE MAY
BE FEDERAL AS WELL AS NY STATE GRAND JURY HEARINGS
(PARA 5, REB B) NEXT WEEK.
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